

think the burden is upon those who want to change the status quo to tell us why. Now Senator Marsh said that we should publicly acknowledge the Community Action Agencies, that we should legitimize the Community Action Agencies, that we should define their scope of services and those kinds of things. And that was as close to a reason for enacting LB 490 as I heard from Senator Marsh or Senator Johnson. And then Senator Marsh said something very important. Senator Marsh said, and she is right, that the federal government is asking states to be ready to handle these programs. Now Senator Marsh was evidently informed appropriately by someone that there are changes coming in Washington, that, in fact, there are many people in this administration who want to eliminate the Community Services Block Grant entirely and let the states decide whether they want to continue to carry on these programs at all and that is what makes LB 490 a particularly bad piece of legislation at this moment but because before we are presented with that decision we are going to make it. Before we know the ramifications of making that decision we are going to make it. We are going to lock into place a delivery system that we don't know whether we want or whether we don't. Now I'll tell you a little bit about my personal beliefs about the delivery of Human Services in the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: There is an error that Senator Cullan just said relating to his reference to Senator Marsh and his comment was to eliminate the programs in the federal government is not intending to eliminate the programs but to provide for the administration of the programs.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, to continue, there are, as I said earlier and I will stand by this statement, there are many people in the administration who believe that the federal government should phase out this block grant entirely and to leave decisions, whether or not to administer these programs at the state level. That is what I said and I'll stand by it. Now, let me talk a little bit about the delivery of Human Services generally. In my estimation one of the biggest problems with the delivery of services to the poor people of the State of Nebraska and nationwide is that there is a tremendous proliferation of agencies and a tremendous proliferation of responsibilities. That is expensive because we hire \$30,000 administrators to run this program and \$25,000 administrators to run that program and \$40,000 administra-